



**RICHARD HARRIS**

**DECEMBER 26, 1946 - OCTOBER 18, 2019**



## *His Life Story*

*Richard Albert Harris was born December 26, 1946 in Martinez, CA to Gloria Marie Bellazer and Allen Phillip Knox. He was one of fourteen children, and the oldest son. He attended Richmond Unified Schools finishing at Richmond High School in 1964. He attended Contra Costa Community College, before transferring to Sacramento State University where he graduated with a BA in Journalism. While attending Sac State Richard was inducted into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in 1966. He was a proud member of Kappa and charter member of the Iota Beta Chapter, chartered in 1976. He later received a Masters of Political Science and Master of Science in Government from Sacramento State University.*

*While attending Sac State, Richard received a 6 month paid journalism fellowship in Washington DC. Richards's first profession out of college was reporter for the Sacramento Bee. After reporting for the Bee, Richard began working in the political arena. Richard worked in the State Senate and Assembly working his way from staff member to Chief of Staff for Senator Bill Greene and Assemblyman John Miller. Richard had numerous other careers and occupations including Oakland Parks and Recreation, Oakland Sports referee, Harris Funeral Home, Oakland Alameda County Coliseum and Laney Peralta College.*

*Richard met and married the love of his life, Veda Ambeau on September 3, 2000. He was a loving and caring Husband, Father, Grandfather and an amazing Friend. Richard was dedicated to providing for his family, fellowshiping with friends and spending time with loved ones.*

*Richard was preceded in death by his mother and father and 4 of the 14 siblings, David, Glorietta, Jonathan, and Robin.*

*Richard will be deeply missed by all and leaves to cherish his life's memories : his beloved wife Veda Ambeau, His siblings; Patricia Andy, Aline Haywood, Elaine Peterson(Paul), James Harris, Gloria Velyines (Roy), Stephanie Davis(Julius Harris), Maurice Harris (Alicia Harris), Randolph Rice; His Siblings in love, Jackie Lott, Lucien Ambeau (Donna), Karen Ambeau; his 3 son's Richard A. Harris Jr., Earnest Harris(Ellie), Ryan Harris (Cindy) His Daughters in Love, Nefertiti Jackson ( Tracy), Aisha Sheppard(Terrence), Veda Bartlow , Grandchildren; Eva and Earnest Jr, Nailah and Saniyya, Terrence Jr and Mia, a host of Nieces, Nephews, family, frat brothers and friends.*

*In lieu of flower, please donate to Masjidul Waritheen*

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